

DUBLIN CASTLES PERFIN

Looking through an Auction Catalogue of Salisbury Stamp Auctions, I came across this amusing anecdote written by Ian McQueen.

Quote:

Several years ago, in an article in a French magazine by a well known specialist (no names for he is an officer and a gentleman) there was an illustration of the back of a G.B. ½d stamp, showing the perfined design of what was described as a 'MAISON STYLISÉE'; and the author added the comment that there were so many little holes composing the windows of the stylised house that he had abandoned the task of trying to count them.

So I dropped him a line, suggesting that if he looked at the front of the stamp he would almost for sure, find a Dublin postmark, and if he turned the house upside down he would see Dublin's shield of arms, depicting the city's three castles! For this I received a most courteous reply, so typical of the old school of French military men but I still wonder how many collectors across the Channel still have 'maison stylisées' amongst their British perfins.

End Quote.

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